to all children to improve their capabilities through provision of community owned quality education.The Sarva Shisksha Abhiyan will provide useful and relevant elementary education for all children in the 6 to 14 years age groups by 2010. Other objective of this programme is to bridge social, regional and gender gaps, with the active participation of the community in the management of schools. The aim of the Abhiyan is to have all children in school by 2003, that all children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007 and that all chilren complete eight years of elementary schooling by 2010. Since the Abhiyan aims to cover all children including the destitute or orphaned children, the need for reservation of seats for them in the educational institutions does not arise.

Residential schools in Andhra Pradesh for SC girls

558. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether residential schools have been started in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Scheme of Special Education Development Programme for Scheduled Caste girls belonging to the low literacy level in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status thereof and the number of SC girls benefited during the last four years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRISATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inclusion of various Castes in OBC list in Himachal Pradesh

†559. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from various castes organisations in Himachal Pradesh wherein they have made requests for inclusion of their castes in list of Other Backward Classes;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRISATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) since its inception have received representations for the inclusion of Tarkhan, Julaha, Ansari (other then those included in the list of Scheduled Castes) and Khatri castes/communities in the Central List of Backward Classes for Himachal Pradesh. The castes/communities Tarkhan, Julaha, Ansari (other then those included in the list of SCs) have already been included the Central List of OBCs for Himachal Pradesh *vide* Gazette Notification No. 71 dated 04-04-2000. The NCBC has rejected the proposal to include 'Khatri' caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for Himachal Pradesh as it is not a socially backward but socially advanced community in the State. The Government has accepted this advise of the Commission.

Survey of street children

560. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has decided to conduct a detailed survey of street children to identify problem areas and seek help on the basis of credible data;

(b) if so, whether the survey will focus on children who have connections with their families but spent most of their time on the streets; those who find themselves on Delhi's roads because of a fragile relationship with their families and the homeless ones;

(c) whether any report has been submitted by them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of NCT of Delhi has decided to